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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Herbert E. Meyer  
Vice Chairman  
National Intelligence Council

FROM: [REDACTED]  
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Narcotics

SUBJECT: SNIE 1/8-84: The Role of Insurgents, Terrorists  
and Sovereign States in Drug Trafficking:  
Implications for the United States

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1. Attached for your review are the Concept Paper and Terms of Reference for the captioned SNIE. It was originally requested by the Acting Deputy Director for Foreign Intelligence, DIA. As you know, it has also been endorsed by General Williams. The SNIE appears on the NIC production schedule with a completion date in December 1984. The drafters are Messrs. [REDACTED] of OGI.

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2. In response to comments from the SRP, we have adjusted the lead-in to the Outlook section to reflect the specific time frames we intend to cover and to clarify that the points that follow are premises, not pre-conclusions. In addition, we have made Implications for the United States the concluding section of the body of the SNIE and the Case Studies section an Annex.

3. With your concurrence, we will forward the TOR and Concept Paper to NFIB principals. The coordination meeting with NFIB representatives is scheduled for 19 November 1984.

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## THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Senior Review Panel

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Chairman, National Intelligence Council  
NIO for Narcotics

SUBJECT: Senior Review Panel Comments on Draft  
Concept Paper and Terms of Reference  
(TOR) for SNIE 1/8-84: The Role of  
Insurgents, Terrorists and Sovereign  
States in Drug Trafficking: Implications  
for the US, dated 26 October 1984

1. The Panel believes that the subject drafts constitute a well considered, well organized framework for the intended study. They seem to strike a particularly nice balance among their constituent analytical, estimative, and case study sections.

2. We have only these comments:

a. Many of the TOR have an appropriate forward-looking, estimative thrust. It would be helpful to eventual consumers if these--and the "Outlook" section--were situated in at least a generalized time frame: one, three, five years, whatever the drafters have in mind.

b. We assume that the propositions in TOR-V "Outlook" are not pre-conclusions but premises for examination. Would the statements at V-C: "The long-term goals of terrorist organizations . . . are not compatible with sustained drug trafficking" and at V-E "The activities of non-traditional traffickers will expand . . . " be equally true?

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c. As a matter of both substance and estimative style, we think that TOR-IV "Implications for the United States" should be the SNIE's final section.

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